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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.550(c), the Patentee hereby requests a one-month extension of time to submit a Patent Owner's Statement in the captioned Reexamination proceeding.

Although a Statement has been drafted, the undersigned has not been able to devote sufficient time to complete that Statement due to a previously planned vacation the week bridging March and April, low productivity throughout April due to an apparent viral infection from which I am just now recovering and an otherwise heavy workload.

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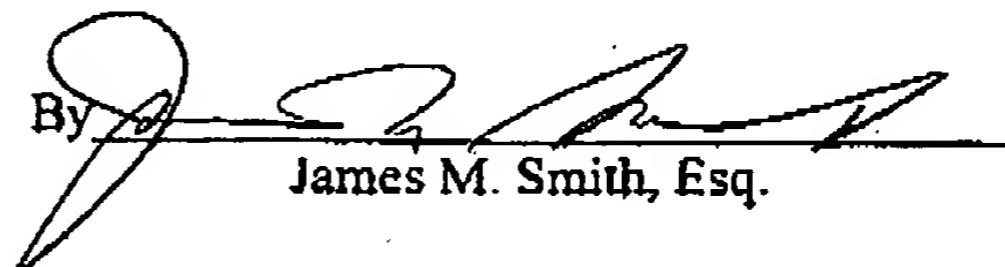
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